

980 Grant Ave
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My dear Mr. Fernald:—

I received your letter of Nov 10th two or three days ago but the package of Salices - by some unusual delay - not until yesterday - I have looked the specimens over casually - not a leaf disturbed in transit - the result could scarcely have been otherwise after such careful packing. In one respect I was momentarily disappointed. by the paucity of species represented. only S. Brownii (= S. arctica of R. Br and of Pallas) and S. planca. with intermediate forms and variations. quite perplexing where the material is often so inadequate. but on turning to

Lundström's report on the Salices
of the Swedish Greenland Expedi-
tion - geological and geographical -
of 1883 - where collections were made
at many more stations I find
precisely the same result with
just one other species added
namely S. herbacea - which I have
always supposed was one of the
common ones of Willm. in the west
coast of Greenland - and which
therefore to have appeared in the
Ince's collection - I will name
the specimens to the best of my
ability and return them next week.

You write "I send all the Arctic
Willm." and again "when you wish
to keep a specimen take the label
making note of the species and No
on the sheet" - Now I would never
think of taking a unique form

a collection sent to me for
determination and get with the
perversity of human nature there
are one or two snakes in the
collection which I would be glad
to add to my own herbarium -
provided - that you have already
reserved a set of the specimens
- If you have not - of course that
settles the matter - The single
specimen ought to be in the
Harvard Herbarium.

I am ceasing to look
upon my collection of North American
Willows as a private affair -
I hope it will be of use to students
who come after me - and I
naturally feel an ambition to
make it as full and complete

as possible,

I wonder if you will be
troubled to know - when you come
to carrying these specimens into the
herbarium - what has become of
the folders for *P. glauca*
and *P. arctica* - Will I have them!
I wrote to Mr Robinson about it
after Dr Watsons death - I have
fairly decided saying anything
about these two species and their
connections - and when I returned
some other things which I had
in hand I reserved these specimens
hoping to get some help from
them. They occupy a pigeon hole
by themselves - and I intend to
send them home ere long -

Yours very truly
W. S. Bebb